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Applicants: Meek et al.

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SYSTEM AND METHOD OF  
PREDICTING HIGH UTILIZERS  
OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of June 16, 2003, please amend the above-noted application as indicated below and consider the remarks found herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a marked-up version showing the amendments to the specification and the claims is submitted contemporaneously herewith as ATTACHMENT A.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of managing healthcare services, comprising the steps of:
  - collecting information from an individual for a predetermined set of predictive factors;
  - assigning, based upon said information from said individual, a separate value to each predictive factor of said predetermined set of predictive factors;